(e) The number of cases booked and the value of contraband seized as well as the quantity and value of gold seized during the last two calender years of 1987 and 1988 are given in the table below:-

Year	Number of cases booked	Value of contraband seized (Rs. in crores)	Quantity of gold seized (in Kgs.)	Value of gold seized (Rs. in crores)
1987	55,873	251.47	2255	65.78
1988*	62,293	433.15	6094	200.51

* Figures are provisional.

Statistics of cases involving seizures of gold alone are not maintained separately.

Seizure of Brown Sugar in Bombay

1681. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the Hindustan Times of the 15th February, 1989 to the effect that brown sugar worth Rs. 81 crores has been seized near Bombay;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether any arrests have been made in this connection and what action has been taken against the persons apprehended?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. On 14.2.1989, the officers of the Flying Squad of Prohibition & Excise Department of Government of Maharashtra had seized 80 kgs. of brown sugar/heroin from a storage point at Madanpura, Bombay, consequent to the apprehension of one Mohd. Sahib Mohd. Zuber at Hotel Heritage at Central Bombay and recovery of 1 kg. of heroin from him. In this connection, 7 persons in all had been arrested (including two from Pakistan) and remanded to judicial custody till 14.3.1989.

No precise value of the drug seized can be furnished as this is dependent upon various factors like purity, place of origin, local demand and supply, etc.

Simplification of Export Documents

1682. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry have recommended to the Finance Ministry for simplificaton of export documents; if so, in what sphere the simplification has been sought and whether these have been resolved;

(b) what measures are being contemplated to cut down red tapism and whether various trade bodies have complained about this; and

(c) whether Government have assured support to all Indian exporters to raise country's exports and if so, what would be estimated, exports in the current financial year as against last year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE